

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
FERTILIZER INSPECTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
Fresno, California  
September 16, 2005**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

John Salmonson  
Brad Baltzer  
Tom Beardsley  
Bob Duckworth  
David McEuen  
Stephen Spangler

**CDFA**

Nate Dechoretz  
Asif A. Maan  
Kent Kitade  
Maryam Khosravifard  
Mark Lee  
Dale Rice

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

Steve Beckley/Western  
Plant Health Association  
Renee Pinel/Western  
Plant Health Association

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2: INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman John Salmonson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Self-introductions were made. A quorum was established at 9:05 a.m. Board members James Joseph, Tim McGahey, and William Miller were not present at the meeting.

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

John Salmonson asked the board members to review the minutes of the May 20, 2005, meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Bob Duckworth to accept the minutes as written. Brad Baltzer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4: DIVISION AND BRANCH UPDATE**

Asif A. Maan, Ph.D., Branch Chief of the Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Drugs Regulatory Services (FFLDRS) Branch gave a power point presentation on the Branch updates:

- Introduced Inspection Services Acting Director Nate Dechoretz
- Egg Quality Control Program, and Food Safety – part of the FFLDRS Branch
- Luz Gonzalez new Registration Specialist

- Vacancies:
  - Branch Secretary
  - Senior Account Clerk
  - FREP Program Specialist
- Budget Packets under Departmental review and approval

#### **ITEM 5: ASPS/Ingredient Disclosure Subcommittee Recommendations**

- Conditional Registration
  - Drop this option since it would be in conflict with the fertilizer law
- Confidential Statement of Formula
  - Adopt the Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Section 10 as used by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR)
  - It is comprehensive and provides for mechanism of disclosure, disputes, and penalties for violations

#### **ITEM 6: Updates**

Kent Kitade updated the Board on the following:

- Licensing, registration, and labeling guide for fertilizing materials
- Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP) work plan for activities
- Summary of FREP projects
- Registration and sampling status
- Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) request for additional program funding of \$25,000

#### **ITEM 7: AAPFCO, ACS, and EPA Report/Regulations**

Maryam Khosravifard gave a power point presentation on the following:

- Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) Annual Meeting
  - August 1 – 4, 2005, at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida
  - Terms raised to Official 2005
  - Organic definitions
  - Beneficial Substances or Compounds

- Recommendation of Labeling and the Definitions Committee to AAPFCO Board
  - T-9.1 Beneficial Substances or Compounds - means any substance or compound other than primary, secondary, and micro plant nutrients that can be demonstrated by scientific research to be beneficial to one or more species of plants
  - Labeling Committee wants to exclude pesticides that could potentially be marketed as these compounds and substances
- Perchlorate Symposium – The American Chemical Society (ACS) Meeting
  - Occurrence of Perchlorates in ground and surface water is more widespread than originally believed
  - May be significant population exposure from Perchlorates in non-water sources
- Meeting with U.S. EPA regarding:
  - Overlap of Plant growth regulators and Biopesticides with Auxiliary Soil and Plant Substances (ASPS) products
  - EPA supports full disclosure of formulations to establish intended use

#### **ITEM 8: LABORATORY UPDATE**

Mark Lee spoke to the Board on the following:

- Discussed the laboratory testing status report
  - Samples received during July – August 2005
  - Analytical results reported during July and September 2005
  - Duration of testing required
- Mark has been appointed to the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists for three years

#### **ITEM 9: Board Vacancies**

John Salmonson announced to the Board that there were three terms expiring in October 2005. Brad Baltzer and Tim McGahey expressed they would like to be reappointed to the FIAB. James Joseph put in his resignation.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Steve Spangler to recommend reappointments of Brad Baltzer and Tim McGahey. Bob Duckworth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the two candidates to fill the vacancy by James Joseph. They were Ernest Roncoroni and Sanford Simon.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Tom Beardsley to recommend Sanford Simon for appointment to the FIAB. Bob Duckworth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 10: Additional Items, Next Meeting**

Items for next meeting:

- John Salmonson suggested that the California Association of Pest Control Advisers and the CCA President be present to address questions from the Board
- John asked FFLDRS to provide a recap of the sampling summary analysis

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in Sacramento.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Asif A. Maan, Ph.D., Branch Chief  
Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Drugs Regulatory Services  
Inspection Services

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